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For:	EXPANDING NET INTEGRAL WITH AN	)	
	INFLATABLE AIRBAG CURTAIN	)	

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2. German Patent Application No. DE 29907622 published September 23, 1999 discloses: A side gas bag restraint system for protecting an occupant in a vehicle has a seat with a back rest and a side window(S). The system includes a gas bag having a large area and covering at least a part of the side window (S) of the vehicle. The gas bag has a non-inflatable section, at least one inflatable restraint chamber that has an inflated state. The restraint chamber

is provided in front of and above the associated back rest of the vehicle to restrain a head of the occupant. The gas bag further has inflatable tensioning chambers. The restraint chamber is connected with the tensioning chambers that are connected in series with regard to gas flow and are arranged in succession along a lower edge of the gas bag. The tensioning chambers have constrictions between them. The non-inflatable section is tightened between the inflatable chambers and the vehicle when the gas bag is inflated.

Respectfully submitted,

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